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H. F. No. **3499**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy  
03/14/2024 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law  
04/08/2024 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy  
Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration  
04/11/2024 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy  
Joint Rule 2.03 has been waived for any subsequent committee action on this bill

For reference and coding, the first  
page of the bill has been provided.

For a complete copy of the bill, visit the  
House website at: [www.house.mn.gov](http://www.house.mn.gov)

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to railroads; providing for railroad safety, including modifying minimum
- 1.3 insurance requirements and establishing a maximum train length; providing for
- 1.4 penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 221.0255, subdivision 4,
- 1.5 by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
- 1.6 chapter 219.
- 1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.8 Section 1. **[219.5505] TRAIN LENGTH.**
- 1.9 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "railroad" means a common
- 1.10 carrier that is classified by federal law or regulation as a Class I railroad, Class I rail carrier,
- 1.11 Class II railroad, Class II rail carrier, Class III railroad, or Class III rail carrier.
- 1.12 Subd. 2. **Maximum length.** A railroad must not operate a train in this state that has a
- 1.13 total length in excess of 8,500 feet.
- 1.14 Subd. 3. **Penalty.** (a) A railroad that violates this section is subject to a penalty of:
- 1.15 (1) not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000 for a first offense;
- 1.16 (2) not less than \$5,000 or more than \$10,000 for a second offense committed within
- 1.17 three years of the first offense; and
- 1.18 (3) not less than \$25,000 for a third or subsequent offense committed within three years
- 1.19 of the first offense.
- 1.20 (b) The commissioner of transportation may enforce this section in a civil action before
- 1.21 a judge of a county in which the violation occurs.